

Net2 Increases Security at National Independent Specialist College

Type of site:

Specialist Higher Education Facility

Location:

Cheltenham, UK

Number of doors:

- 30 doors (across 3 sites)

Solution required:

- Improve security in student residences
- Update existing access control system
- Hands-free access capability

Result:

- Ease of access to residential sites for students
- Increased security with reduction in doors left open and/or unlocked
- Convenient token management system
- Full audit trail of students and staff on site

Paxton products used:

- Net2 Entry
- Proximity readers

Integration:

- Fire alarms at all sites
- Automatic door openers



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From the beginning it was clear to see that Net2 was having a positive effect, making access easier for the students and the staff.

Lynette Barrett, Residential Services Manager
National Star College

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National Star College is a registered charity and national independent specialist college for young disabled students, located in Ullenwood, Cheltenham. The college helps students to achieve their goals and fulfil their potential through innovative programmes of education and independence training. Over the years, the college's facilities have improved to enable students with more complex conditions to attend.

In order to accommodate young people from all over the UK, the college has invested considerable funds in accommodation. There are five student residences on campus that have helped to create a vibrant social life and community spirit, making the college more than just a learning provider.

Requirements

National Star College required a system that could easily expand with their needs, as the grounds and facilities are subject to continuous development.

Although the college has not suffered any breaches in security, improving residential security for the students became an important aspect of the college's development plan. It was vital that contactless, hands-free access was possible, as some students are unable to use conventional locks and keys. As a consequence, doors could be left unlocked.

Solution

Mark Hone, Director of Stroud Alarms in Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, recommended Paxton's Net2, a user-friendly, flexible networked access control system, designed to make the management of any site straightforward.



Mark said: "Net2 can grow with the college, utilising the college's existing network to link the buildings." An additional benefit of the Net2 system is the hands-free capability, that can easily be incorporated into the school's system where required.

Net2 now controls 30 doors across three of the five residences. The installation was made quicker and easier by the college's existing network. By utilising their network there was no need for any further wiring, reducing installation time and any resulting disruption.

Net2 with hands free was the perfect solution for the college, providing a convenient means of access to all buildings, helping the college to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. The college can also employ the Net2 system to help locate staff and students within the grounds.

Result

Net2 has helped National Star College provide an environment that is safe and secure, whilst also giving the students more independence.

The college now has plans to install the system on the remaining buildings and the main gates. This will give the staff much better visibility regarding who is on site, and will provide a useful register in case of emergencies.